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1. From 22 to 24 March 1955, a conference was held in Warsaw which was attended by representatives of civil aviation companies of the Satellite countries and Heinz Weipricht, representative of the GDR and state secretary of the Ministry for Transportation. [redacted]

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The main topic of the conference was the extension of the aviation company planned by the [redacted] of commercial airlines in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary. At the conference it was alleged [redacted] to extend the 1954 agreement concerning the maintenance of commercial airlines in Poland (Lot Company), Bulgaria (Tubco Company), Czechoslovakia (CSA Company), Rumania (Turum Company) and Hungary (Malev Company) to the East German airline.

2. It was learned that the GDR civil airline was scheduled to begin operation with four-engine Il-type aircraft on 15 June 1955. The GDR airline will allegedly be the only company of the aforementioned companies to operate on a line both to the near east and to Helsingfors.

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Coment. It appears that a civil aviation company will be established in the GDR in the very near future.

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[redacted] this airfield will allegedly be turned over to East German administration. [redacted]

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The four engine aircraft mentioned possibly are Il-18s.

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